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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Novel Tethered Ligand-Receptor Molecules**
Inventors: GARDELLA *et al.*
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents

1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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In reply to the Office Action dated **October 2, 2003** (PTO File Wrapper Paper No. 22), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, amendments to the specification by presenting replacement paragraphs marked up to show changes made;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
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 - with status identifiers; and
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- (D) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

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